REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in Application. Claims 1-8, 10, 11, and 13-15 are allowed. Claims 9 and 12 stand rejected. Claims 9 and 12 are being amended. No new matter is believed to be introduced by way of the amendments.

The specification is objected to because it is said that the occurrence of the term "Velcro" should be capitalized in its entirety. Accordingly, the specification is being amended on pages 7 and 8 to replace the first occurrence of the term "Velcro" with "hook and loop fastener (e.g., VELCRO®)." Similarly, all occurrences of the terms "Velcro" and "velcroed" have been deleted or replaced with "hook and loop fastener." Given that the term "Velcro" is commonly known to refer to a brand name of hook and loop fasteners, no new matter is believed to be introduced by way of the amendments.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112 Second Paragraph

Claims 9 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C §112, Second Paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out the subject matter. Specifically, it was stated that the use of the trademark term "Velcro" in Claims 9 and 12 is indefinite.

Applicant is amending Claims 9 and 12 to replace the term "Velcro" with "hook and loop fastener," as suggested by the Examiner. Since the term "Velcro" is commonly known to refer to a brand name of hook and loop fasteners, no new matter is believed to be introduced by way of the amendments.

Accordingly, Claims 9 and 12 are believed to overcome rejection of under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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